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NORTHERN ILLINOIS GAS COMPANY)
d/b/a NICOR GAS COMPANY)
Petition for Relief to Protect Petitioner's)
1st Quarterly Money Pool Activity Report)
for 2006 from Disclosure in Order to Protect)
Highly Proprietary Information.)

Docket No.

CHIEF CLERK'S OFFICE

06-0346

PETITION FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT

Pursuant to 83 Ill. Admin. Code §§ 200.430 and 451.60, Northern Illinois Gas Company d/b/a Nicor Gas Company ("Nicor" or "Petitioner") hereby petitions the Illinois Commerce Commission ("Commission") for relief to protect from disclosure for not less than five years the First Quarterly Report for 2006 (the "2006 First Quarter Report") Nicor has filed in compliance with 83 Ill. Admin. Code 340.60 in order to protect the highly proprietary information it contains. In support of this Petition, Nicor states as follows:

1. Petitioner filed the 2006 First Quarter Report with the Commission on April 28, 2006.
2. Petitioner is required to file the 2006 First Quarter Report for which it seeks protection pursuant to Part 340.60, and may petition for protection of confidential information contained therein under Part 340.60(f).
3. The 2006 First Quarter Report contains highly confidential and proprietary commercial and financial information. Specifically, the 2006 First Quarter Report contains the interest rate of money transferred between Nicor and its affiliates under the Money Pool program, the disclosure of which to potential financial services providers would be detrimental to Nicor. Nicor has taken steps to guard the confidentiality of this information and not disclose it outside its business unless required to do so by law. The financial services industry is highly

competitive, and it is imperative that public disclosure of confidential information contained within the 2006 First Quarter Report be avoided for a period of at least five years following the issuance of an Order by the Commission because of the competitive harm which disclosure of such information would likely cause Petitioner.

4. Part 340.60(f) provides that filings made pursuant to Part 340 be treated as confidential:

(1) For filings made pursuant to a proceeding authorizing the utility's participation in a money pooling agreement in which the petition was filed after June 15, 2004, the filing entity shall include in its petition a request for confidential treatment for any documents for which it desires confidential treatment after the filing of documents.

83 Ill. Adm. Code §340.60(f). Thus, Nicor seeks such confidential treatment of the 2006 First Quarter Report in this Petition.

5. In addition, Section 7 of the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/7(g), exempts from public disclosure "trade secrets and commercial or financial information . . . where the trade secrets or information are proprietary, privileged or confidential." The 2006 First Quarter Report also falls within this exemption.

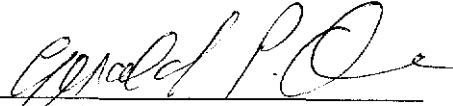
6. Petitioner seeks an Order from the Commission, without hearing, protecting the 2006 First Quarter Report filed under Part 340 from disclosure in its entirety for a period of not less than five years.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner respectfully requests that the Commission enter an Order, without hearing, protecting the 2006 First Quarter Report filed under Part 340, from disclosure in its entirety for a period of not less than five years.

DATED: April 28, 2006

Respectfully submitted,


NORTHERN ILLINOIS GAS COMPANY
d/b/a NICOR GAS COMPANY

By: 
Gerald P. O'Connor
Vice President Administration and Finance

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
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COUNTY OF DUPAGE)

VERIFICATION

I, Gerald P. O'Connor, being first duly sworn on oath, depose and state that I am Vice President of Administration and Finance for Northern Illinois Gas Company d/b/a Nicor Gas Company, that I have read the foregoing Petition for Confidential Treatment and that I know the contents thereof, and that the same is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

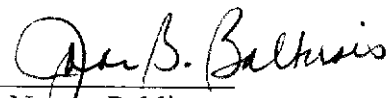


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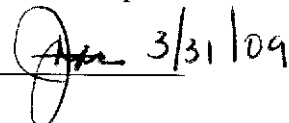
Subscribed and sworn to,
before me this 25th
day of April,
2006





Notary Public

My Commission Expires:



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